UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND JOHN O. PASTORE FEDERAL BUILDING TWO EXCHANGE TERRACE PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903-1779

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RE: Estate of Ungar, et al. v. The Palestinian Authority, et al.

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C.A. No. 00-105L

Dear Counsel:

During the hearing on December 12, 2002, Mr. Schilling made reference to Defendants' Renewed Motion for a Stay and Motion for Leave to Seek a Protective Order (document filing #60) and Palestinian Defendants' Motion for a Protective Order (document filing #63).

The court received the impression that Mr. Schilling was suggesting the court either had not ruled on both motions or had not ruled definitely that discovery was stayed only until Judge Lagueux issued his decision on the Palestinian Defendants' motion to dismiss. Because the court did not have immediately at hand its June 20, 2002, Order Staying Discovery, the court did not reject that suggestion as strongly as the record warrants.

As is reflected on the enclosed copy of the Order, the court ruled upon both motions and discovery was stayed until Judge Lagueux issued his ruling. That ruling was issued on November 4, 2002, and the stay ended on that date.

Very truly yours,

DAVID L. MARTIN

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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